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PASS TO U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE

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SUBJECT: CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL

1. AT ITS 63RD/64TH SESSIONS, THE VALUATION COMMITTEE OF THE CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL WAS UNABLE TO AGREE ON WHICH OF TWO ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD BE ADOPTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING ACCESSION TO THE CONVENTION ON THE VALUATION OF GOODS FOR CUSTOMS PURPOSES ON AN F.O. B. BASIS. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO ALTERNATIVES IS WHETHER EXISTING CONTRACTING PARTIES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONVERT TO AN F.O.B. BASIS.

2. IT WAS THE UNANIMOUS OPINION OF THE VALUATION COMMITTEE THAT THE CONVENTION SHOULD BE AMENDED TO ALLOW ACCESSION ON AN F.O.B. OR C.I.F. BASIS. THE SOLE QUESTION TO BE RESOLVED IS THAT OF OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO EXISTING CONTRACTING PARTIES.

3. THE COMMITTEE NOTED THAT THE COUNCIL ITSELF MAY TAKE A DECISION ON THE MATTER IN ITS JUNE 1974 SESSIONS. IF NOT, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE VALUATION COMMITTEE WOULD COME TO A DECISION AT ITS 65TH SESSION IN OCTOBER 1974.

4. ALTHOUGH THE QUESTION OF AMENDMENT TO PERMIT ACCESSION
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ON AN F.O.B. BASIS WAS ORIGINALLY RAISED IN THE KYOTO

SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL BY AUSTRALIA, THE AUSTRALIAN
DELEGATION TO THE VALUATION COMMITTEE PRIVATELY INFORMED
THE U.S. DELEGATION THAT AUSTRALIA WILL ADOPT THE
BURSSELS DEFINITION OF VALUE ON JANUARY 1, 1975, WITH A
STRONG POSSIBILITY OF SO DOING ON THE BASIS OF THE PRESENT
PROVISIONS; THAT IS, C.I.F. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT IS
EXPECTED BEFORE JUNE 1974. POSSIBLE CHANGE IN AUSTRALIAN
POSITION IS SAID TO BE DUE AT LEAST IN PART TO ATTITUDE
EXPRESSED BY PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT BASED ON THAT
PORTION OF U.S. TARIFF COMMISSION REPORT SETTING FORTH
ADVANTAGES OF C.I.F. SYSTEM. STRAUSS-HUPE

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